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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-57 (Canceled).

58 (Currently amended). The method of claim ~~[[57]]~~ 59 where the document is received ~~-(step 501)-~~ from an originator ~~-(1)-~~ by means of an included communication network ~~-(20)-~~.

59 (Currently amended). ~~The method of claim 57~~
A method to distribute a document to one or more recipients comprising, by a document distributing apparatus :
receiving the document, the document comprising a document distribution job information ;
scanning the document to provide the document distribution job information ;
distributing the document based on the document distribution job information to one or more recipients ; and
subsequent to distributing the document, receiving the document as such document is returned from at least one recipient of the one or more recipients ,
where the document that is received ~~-(step 502)-~~ as being returned ~~-(step 604)-~~ from the at least one recipient includes information ~~-(201, 301)-~~ that has been modified ~~-(step 603)-~~ by the at least one recipient.

60 (Currently amended). The method of claim ~~[[57]]~~ 59 including determining ~~-(step 504)-~~ when the current document distribution job is complete, such determining when the current document distribution job is complete including determining when the document has been received ~~-(step 502)-~~ from all recipients of the one or more recipients.

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61 (Currently amended). The method of claim 60 including, when it is determined ~~-(step 504)-~~ that the current document distribution job is complete, returning ~~-(step 510)-~~ the document to an originator ~~-(1)-~~ .

62 (Currently amended). The method of claim 60 including, when it is determined ~~-(step 504)-~~ that the current document distribution job is not complete, continuing ~~-(step 505)-~~ to distribute the document.

63 (Previously presented). The method of claim 62, including continuing to distribute the document to the remaining recipient or recipients of the one or more recipients.